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PART I.

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

CHIEF SECRETARIAT.

Reviews the Report on the working of the Jails and Lock-ups for the calendar year 1928.

READ—

Letter No. 374-55, dated the 31st May 1929, from the Inspector-General of Prisons in Mysore, submitting the report on the working of the Jails and Lock-ups in the State, during the calendar year 1928 with the prescribed statements.

ORDER No. G. 765-75—PRIS. 93-28-2, DATED 18TH JULY 1929.

Recorded.

There was no change in the number of jails and lock-ups, which remained the same as in the previous year, *viz.*, 2 jails and 79 lock-ups.

Inclusive of 922 prisoners confined in the jails and lock-ups at the beginning of the year, the total jail population during the year was 7,848. Of these, 6,839 were discharged during the year leaving a balance of 1,009 at the close of the year. There was an increase in the daily average number of prisoners which was 950·82 against 889·65 in the previous year.

The gross expenditure of the Department was Rs. 149,659-1-9 against Rs. 1,49,388-14-9 or an average of Rs. 157-6-4 per head as against Rs. 167-14-8 during the year 1927.

Realisations from the employment of convicts on remunerative labour increased to Rs. 23,278-8-9 from 19,467-12-4 in the previous year and the average cash earnings of a convict was Rs. 36-10-6 as against Rs. 29-15-2 in the previous year. This is satisfactory.

The total cost of maintenance of prisoners in the two jails was Rs. 1,19,549-5-1 as against Rs. 1,24,714-12-2 in the previous year. The average net cost of maintenance after deducting cash earnings works out to Rs. 119-6-3 per head as against Rs. 135-11-1 in the previous year. The decrease in the average cost is mainly due to the increased cash receipts in the manufacturing department of the Jails. The total expenditure on Jail Industries was Rs. 18,081-12-1 and the gross receipts Rs .41,360-4-1.

The health of prisoners was good throughout the year, the number of deaths among prisoners being 3 as against 10 in the year previous.

There was no overcrowding in the jails and lock-ups except in the Mysore Jail where accommodation for civil prisoners is reported to be insufficient. The gross expenditure in all the lock-ups during the year amounted to Rs. 30,109-12-8 against Rs. 24,674-2-7 during the previous year. The excess is due to the greater average number of prisoners dieted.

It is reported that the jail buildings at Bangalore have become old and require frequent repairs. The Inspector-General of Prisons is requested to submit separate proposals for the construction of new buildings at some distance from the City.

Government note that weekly religious classes for imparting moral and religious instruction for convicts were regularly conducted in the two jails, and that lectures were delivered and Harikathas performed for the benefit of prisoners by public spirited philanthropic gentlemen.

Of the six non-official visitors of the Bangalore Central Jail, only three visited the Jail and one of them visited thrice while the other two paid but one visit. The two non-official visitors of the Mysore Jail visited the Jail only once during the year.

Government are pleased to note that the administration of the Department during the year under Dr. B. Mahomed Usmon, L. M. S., who was since retired was satisfactory.

R. RANGA RAO,
Offg. *Chief Secretary to Government.*

DEVELOPMENT SECRETARIAT.

Reviews the Report on the working of the Joint Stock Companies.

READ—

Letter No. C. 114—29-30, dated the 23rd May 1929, from the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies in Mysore, submitting a brief report on the working of the Joint Stock Companies as well as the Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies during the year ending 31st March 1929.

ORDER NO. D. 344-5—J. S. 27-28-3, DATED 11TH JULY 1929.

Recorded.

The number of public and private companies registered during the year was seven, of which five were public companies. The total number of companies limited by shares on the rolls at the close of the year under review was 129 as against 126 at the close of the previous year. The number of companies limited by guarantee was 21, the same as last year.

The number of companies established outside Mysore and having places of business in the State was 49 as against 43 in the previous year.

Three companies are reported to have gone into voluntary liquidation during the year and one ordered to be compulsorily wound up. No company was struck off the Register but action is said to be taken to strike off the names of defunct companies from the rolls.

The number of institutions registered during the year, under the Societies Registration Regulation of 1904, was 13. One society was dissolved thus bringing the total number of such institutions working at the close of the year to 174 as against 162 in the previous year.

No prosecutions for failure to comply with the provisions of the Companies Regulation, were sanctioned by Government against any of the companies, during the year under review. The prosecution sanctioned against one company during the year 1927-28 was withdrawn as the company went into liquidation. No auditor or inspector was appointed by Government to investigate the affairs of any of the companies.